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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SOVIET INTEREST IN US-GOR TRADE AGREEMENT

1. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR POZDNIAKOV (INTERNAL AFFAIRS) CALLED ON DCM TODAY SEEKING INFORMATION ON STATUS OF TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION GOR HAD SIGNED SECRET PROTOCOL AS PART OF TRADE AGREEMENT CONSENTING TO POLITICAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING REUNITING OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, LIMITATION ON LEVEL OF EXIM FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND AGREEMENT ON LEVEL OF BILATERAL TRADE TO BE ATTAINED IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

2. POZDNIAKOV WAS ADVISED TO CHANGE HIS SOURCES. HE WAS TOLD ONLY THAT TWO DELEGATIONS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON TEXTS AND THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW STUDYING DRAFTS. WHEN HE PROBED FURTHER ON EMIGRATION ISSUE, HE WAS TOLD THAT SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE ELEMENTS OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO THIS MATTER APPEAR TO POSE NO DIFFICULTIES FOR GOR. WHEN HE CONTINUED TO PRESS ON THIS TOPIC, HE WAS SUBJECTED TO SUCH A LENGTHY AND COMPLICATED EXPLANATION OF THE TRADE BILL THAT
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HE DROPPED THE MATTTTER, OBVIOUSLY EXASPERATED IF NOT

THOROUGHLY CONFUSED.

3. POZDNIAKOV THEN PROCEEDED TO MAKE STRONG PERSONAL APPEAL FOR CONTINUATION OF DETENTE. SAID HE WAS CERTAIN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON COULD EVENTUALLY IRON OUT DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD ARISEN OVER TRADE LEGISLATION. IMPORTANT THING WAS FOR BOTH SIDES TO KEEP TALKING AND TO KEEP TRYING.

4. HE CLAIMED NO INSIGHT INTO CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MOSCOW. SAID THAT EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD BREZHNEV HAD NOT BEEN WELL RECENTLY BUT HAD NO IDEA OF HIS PRESENT STATE OF HEALTH. CONCERNING RUMORS OF POSSIBLE LEADERSHIP CHANGES, HE SMILINGLY OBSERVED THAT EVERYTHING HE KNEW ON THIS SUBJECT CAME EITHER FROM THE HERALD TRIBUNE OR VOICE OF AMERICA.

5. POZDNIAKOV ALSO EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN STATUS OF WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS WITH ULAN BATOR. DCM RESPONDED HE NOT INFORMED ON MATTER, THAT LAST HE HEARD WE WERE PREPARED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AT PLEASURE OF MONGOLIANS.

6. VISIT TO ROMANIA OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS KIRILLIN (BUCHAREST 0152) IS VERY LIKELY NOT TO TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY, BUT WILL BE RESCHEDULED LATER IN THE SPRING "DEPENDENT ON EVENTS."
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